

California Gambling Control Commission

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**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 17, 2022
COMMISSION MEETING**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 11133, the meeting was held by tele/videoconference and there was no location open to the public.

OPEN SESSION:

1. Call to Order.

Chair Paula LaBrie called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call of Commissioners.

Roll Call of Commissioners was taken with Chair Paula LaBrie, Commissioner Cathleen Galgiani, Commissioner Eric Heins, Commissioner William Liu, and Commissioner Edward Yee present.

Licensing Manager Efren Zuniga gave ZOOM participation instructions.

3. Graton Mitigation Fund Final Report for Distribution to County of Sonoma and City of Rohnert Park – Quarter Ending September 30, 2022 (Pursuant to Government Code section 12012.56 and Compact section 4.5.1):
Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Yee, seconded by Commissioner Heins, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Galgiani, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu and Commissioner Yee, voting yes, the Commission approved the distribution payments as listed in the report.

4. Consideration of Renewal Cardroom Owner Type License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 19850, 19851, and 19852; CCR, Title 4, section 12054):

A. Central Coast Casino: Central Coast Casino Grover Beach, Inc.
David Stearns, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary, Director, Shareholder
Theresa Stearns, Community Property Interest Holder

Comments Received From:

Yolanda Morrow, Director, Bureau of Gambling Control
Frances Asuncion, SSM II, Bureau of Gambling Control
David Stearns, Central Coast Casino

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Galgiani, seconded by Commissioner Yee, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Galgiani, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission referred the application to an evidentiary hearing and issued an Interim Renewal License through May 31, 2024, with the following condition:

The Stearns Family Trust UTD February 27, 2014, as shareholder, and David Stearns and Theresa Stearns as trustee/trustors shall apply for and thereafter maintain a Cardroom Business License pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19852, subdivisions (a) and (e).

B. Hawaiian Gardens Casino: Hawaiian Gardens Casino, Inc.
(a California Corporation)*

Comments Received From:

Keith Sharp, Designated Agent
Yolanda Morrow, Director, Bureau of Gambling Control
Stacey Luna Baxter, Executive Director, Gambling Control Commission

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Galgiani, seconded by Commissioner Heins, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Galgiani, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission approved a 90-day extension through February 28, 2023, with the following condition:

Hawaiian Gardens Casino is required to comply with all the conditions provided in the Stipulated Settlement, Decision, and Order approved by the Commission on December 5, 2019. Hawaiian Gardens Casino shall be in default if (a) they fail to pay the Penalty or the Cost Recovery when due or (b) fail otherwise to

Beginning January 1, 2021, and every 90 days thereafter, David Stephens must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control with proof of efforts to satisfy his 2018 and 2019 tax debt until resolved and proof of resolution is provided to the Bureau.

B. Knighted Ventures, LLC:
Supervisor: Edwin Cantolan

Comments Received From:
Edwin Cantolan

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Liu, seconded by Commissioner Yee, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Galgiani, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission approved the Renewal Third-Party Supervisor License through November 30, 2024, with the following condition:

Beginning January 1, 2021, and every 180 days thereafter, Edwin Cantolan must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control with proof of ongoing efforts to satisfy his collection accounts until resolved and proof of resolution is provided to the Bureau.

8. Consideration of Initial Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact; CCR, Title 4, section 12120):
A. Agua Caliente Casino Resort and Spa Rancho Mirage - Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:
Priscilla Rocha

Comments Received From:
Yolanda Morrow, Director, Bureau of Gambling Control

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Galgiani, seconded by Commissioner Yee, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Galgiani, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission approved the Initial Finding of Suitability through May 1, 2023, with the following condition:

Beginning January 1, 2023, and every 90 days thereafter, Priscilla Rocha must provide the Bureau of Gambling Control with proof of ongoing efforts to satisfy the fine until resolved and proof of resolution is provided to the Bureau.

B. Jamul Casino - Jamul Indian Village:
Alexander Nguyen

10. Hearing Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 19870 and 19871 and CCR, Title 4, section 12060:

- A. Default Decision and Order In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services Employee Type License for Khanh Trinh, (CGCC-2022-0721-Dvi)

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Liu, seconded by Chair LaBrie, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Galgiani, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission approved the Default Decision and Order.

- B. Default Decision and Order In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services Supervisor License for Matthew Stearns, (CGCC-2022-0721-7C)

Comments Received From:

Matthew Stearns

Jason Pope, Chief Counsel, Gambling Control Commission

Dolores Olivarez, Deputy Director, Gambling Control Commission

Yolanda Morrow, Director, Bureau of Gambling Control

No action taken on this item.

- C. Default Decision and Order In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services Employee Type License for Samay Nhey, (CGCC-2022-0908-6C)

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Yee, seconded by Commissioner Heins, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Galgiani, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission approved the Default Decision and Order.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

Items on the consent calendar will be taken up and voted on as a group. A Commissioner may request that an item be discussed, in which case it will be discussed separately at a later point in the meeting.

11. Consideration of Initial Key Employee License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19854; CCR, Title 4, section 12054):

- A. Edgar Munoz Larios
B. Anissa Garcia
C. Anna Nichols

12. Consideration of Initial Third-Party Proposition Player Services Employee Type License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984; CCR, Title 4, section 12054):

A. 2 Kings Gaming, Inc.:

Worker: Telicha Jones

B. Blackstone Gaming, LLC:

Supervisor: John Contreras

Workers: Jack Adams Blanca DeLeon Arriaza
 Antony Gerges Pedro Gonzalez-Aguilar
 Kayla Reyes Donovan Roundtree Kimberly Sandoval
 Bunnary Sot Derek Suos

C. F2 TPS, LLC:

Workers: LaTanya Alexander Nagib Guirgis Dylan Knight
 William Phung

D. Faros Unlimited, Inc.:

Supervisor: Ivan Chung

Workers: Demetria Barb Ann Phan Arturo Rubio
 Angelica Seng Maria Zavala

E. Fortune Players Group, Inc.:

Worker: Mercedita Ilaya

F. Global Player Services, Inc.:

Workers: Christian Leyva Tran Truong

G. KB Ventures:

Worker: Tariq Chaoui

H. Knighted Ventures, LLC:

Supervisor: Khiry Espino

Workers: Clarence Paul Abrena Fred Aliyev
 Colin Ayars Tina Berry Alexander Beskeen
 Casey Calvo Kimberly Campizta Oscar Castillo
 Jared Cohen Sonny Dulce Blake Franich
 Taylor Gonzales Jessie Hernandez Kei'ana Latu
 Benjamin Lopez Joseph Lopez Madalyn Martinez
 Aric Rearden Fortitude Angelo Reyes
 Danny Rivera Dakota Storz Anthony Trujillo
 Andy Tsang Andres Valerdi Yan Wang
 Bee Xiong Hla Yamin Juliet Yang

I. L.E. Gaming, Inc.:

Workers: Kristen Betts Lucille Anne Bugay Jordan Edwards
 Antony Garduno Macias

J. Players Edge Services:

Workers: Ernesto Baquir Kyle Hayes Benjamin Young

K. Progressive Gaming, LLC:

Workers: Feng Ying Jiang Wenxia Kaba Tianwei Meng
 Hai Yan Qiu Yulie Sinta Yuan Yao
 Yong Guang Yu Yang

- L. Qualified Player Services, LLC:
 Worker: Marjorie Fernandez
- M. Workers: Shunta Johnson Sharice Stamps

13. Consideration of Renewal Third-Party Proposition Player Services Employee Type License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984; CCR, Title 4, section 12054):

- Knighted Ventures, LLC:
 Workers: Monichan Chea Brandon Garcia

14. Consideration of Tribal-State Compact Renewal Finding of Suitability as a Gaming Resource Supplier (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact; CCR, Title 4, section 12120):

Ainsworth Game Technology, Inc.*

15. Consideration of Initial Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact; CCR, Title 4, section 12120):

A. Agua Caliente Casino Palm Springs - Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:

 Josefina Duarte Lopez Todd Jackson Kevin Nottke
 Anthony Ortiz Lilia Osuna

B. Bear River Casino Resort - Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria:

 Jason McCutcheon

C. Cahuilla Casino - Cahuilla Band of Mission Indians:

 Brenda Wallace David Williams

D. Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino - Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians:

 Brian Black Jeffrey Conte

E. Chumash Casino Resort - Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation:

 Kevin Perez

F. Coyote Valley Casino - Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians:

 Tasha Magana

G. Eagle Mountain Casino - Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation:

 Joshua Braun Stephenie Rangel

H. Fantasy Springs Resort Casino - Cabazon Band of Mission Indians:

 Monica Van der Velden

I. Golden Acorn Casino & Travel Center - Campo Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the Campo Indian Reservation:

 Jorge Garcia

J. Graton Resort & Casino - Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria:

 Sabuj Adhikari Yangyang Cao
 Brenda Castaneda Gonzalez Austin Herrick

K. Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain - Enterprise Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California:

 Robert Golenor Eric Hong Johnson Thanadabout

- L. Harrah's Resort Southern California - Rincon Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Rincon Reservation:
Britney Carney Sunshine Gabriel
- M. Havasu Landing Resort & Casino - Chemehuevi Indian Tribe of the Chemehuevi Reservation:
Edward Smith
- N. Jamul Casino - Jamul Indian Village:
Rory Bauer Yuan Chen
- O. Lucky 7 Casino - Smith River Rancheria:
Michael Fairbanks
- P. Morongo Casino Resort and Spa - Morongo Band of Mission Indians:
Michael Prignano Xavier Salinas Jr. Lin Song
- Q. Rain Rock Casino - Karuk Tribe:
Paul Owens
- R. Red Hawk Casino - Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs Rancheria:
Ramesh Bajracharya Delaney Mecum Umesh Shrestha
- S. Soboba Casino Resort - Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians:
Anthony Rodriguez
- T. Spotlight 29 Casino - Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians:
Brigitta Gayton
- U. Sycuan Casino and Resort - Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation:
Jeffrey La Flam
- V. Table Mountain Casino - Table Mountain Rancheria:
Lorraine Turner
- W. Thunder Valley Casino Resort - United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria:
Kerry Kiefer Pierson Maafu Koy Saechao
- X. Viejas Casino and Resort - Viejas Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians of the Viejas Reservation:
Tony Alias Tracy Tran
- Y. Win-River Casino - Redding Rancheria:
Laine Hayward Chantel Winn
- Z. Yaamava' Resort and Casino at San Manuel - Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation:
Mark Collett Paul Garcia

16. Consideration of Renewal Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact; CCR, Title 4, section 12120):

- A. Augustine Casino - Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians:
John Corrigan
- B. Barona Resort and Casino - Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians:
Jorge Garcia Adam Miller Juan Perea
Janice Welch

- C. Casino Pauma - Pauma Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pauma & Yuima Reservation:
George Carrasco James Smart
- D. Cher-Ae Heights Casino - Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria:
Matthew Martinez
- E. Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino - Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians:
Linda Vue
- F. Chumash Casino Resort - Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation:
Ian Adams Adrianna Albarran Garry Ashbrook
Enjoli Bjork Roger Dacuycuy Misty DePriest
John Dunn Steve Escobedo Lucy Estrada
Danean Fenske Patrick Fritz Asri Gordon
Howard Hall Gabriela Herrera Clinton Johnson
Philip Jornacion Jeffrey Kase Joshua Keller
Samuel Loresco Carlos Martinez Jr. Frances Montgomery
Daniel Olivares William Peters Jr. Aaron Robles
Rodolfo Rodriguez Joseph Segovia Eric Tinderholt
Marcos Torres Diana Worsley
- G. Eagle Mountain Casino - Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation:
Jasmin Ayala Marisol Magdaleno Arias Alberto Saravia
Doungchai Vargas
- H. Gold Country Casino Resort - Berry Creek Rancheria of Maidu Indians:
Ada McElhaney
- I. Graton Resort & Casino - Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria:
Jimmy Bennett Paulo Flores Patrick Flores
- J. Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain - Enterprise Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California:
Heng Liang
- K. Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort - Jackson Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians:
Raul Gutierrez Elias Pamela Hendricks Eva Mace
Ernest Mauck III
- L. Jamul Casino - Jamul Indian Village:
Michael De La Garza
- M. Morongo Casino Resort and Spa - Morongo Band of Mission Indians:
David Akoidu Edgar Andrade Daniel Boyd
Shannon Ford Samantha Osborne Christopher Sanchez
Tawny Stafford James Willingham Karen Woodruff
- N. Pala Casino Spa and Resort - Pala Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pala Reservation:
Carolyn Burke
- O. Pechanga Resort & Casino - Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation:
Wenifredo Ambrosio Allan Aromin Terence Rey Balagot

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| | Bruce Bobal | Yu Chen | Linda Gonzales |
| | Ayman Hanna | Jayne Hauck | Rogelio Mejares Jr. |
| | Paul Mollo | Edwin Ponce | Dao Redekosky |
| | Shiela Sardilla | Sarah Smitherman | Christopher Sugino |
| | Alina Weaver | Elizabeth Wenger | Susan Wilkinson |
| P. Red Hawk Casino - Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs | | | |
| Rancheria: | | | |
| | Steven Banyai | Joel Brewer | Carmen Bruno De La Rosa |
| | Joy Crittendon | Delia Cummings | Ken Harvey |
| | Sara Lee | Richard Lee | Hoa Nguyen |
| | JoAnne Pak | Stacy Thich | John Toledo |
| | Jennifer Wilcox | Jeffrey Ysmael | |
| Q. River Rock Casino - Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians: | | | |
| Kaye Roeum | | | |
| R. Table Mountain Casino - Table Mountain Rancheria: | | | |
| Philip Ragandac | Eutimio Torres | | |
| S. Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino - Santa Rosa Indian Community: | | | |
| Jessica Gamino | Judith Garza | Cameron Gomez | |
| Tylorr Rodriguez | Jose Tafoya Jr. | | |
| T. Thunder Valley Casino Resort - United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn | | | |
| Rancheria: | | | |
| Eugene Anit | Devin Burrell | James Heinemann | |
| Michael Ma | Cyndi Vang | | |
| U. Valley View Casino & Hotel - San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians: | | | |
| Halie Bran | | | |
| V. Viejas Casino and Resort - Viejas Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission | | | |
| Indians of the Viejas Reservation: | | | |
| Gretchen Nunes | | | |
| W. Win-River Casino - Redding Rancheria: | | | |
| Brandon Davis | Roxane Gomez | Brandon Hayward | |
| Constance Manning | | | |

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Heins, seconded by Commissioner Galgiani, and carried in a vote by roll call with Chair LaBrie, Commissioner Galgiani, Commissioner Heins, Commissioner Liu, and Commissioner Yee, voting yes; the Commission approved the Consent Calendar items 11 through 16.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

None

CLOSED SESSION DISCLOSURE:

Chair LaBrie disclosed the items below to be heard in Closed Session:

- II. Hearing Deliberations Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(c)(3):
- B. In the Matter of the Applications for Approval of State Gambling License for Fortiss, LLC, John H. Park Trust Under Declaration of Trust Dated July 18, 2012, Member, John Park, Trustee, Settlor, Beneficiary, Michael Vasey, Member, Chief Financial Officer, John Park, Manager, (CGCC Case No. CGCC-2020-0227-11A-F)
 - C. In the Matter of the Applications for Approval of Third-Party Provider of Proposition Player Services License for Knighted Ventures, LLC, Roy Choi, Managing Member, Jieho Lee, Managing Member, (CGCC Case No. CGCC-2020-0611-3)
 - D. Default Decision and Order In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services Employee Type License for Khanh Trinh, (CGCC-2022-0721-Dvi)
 - F. Default Decision and Order In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Third-Party Proposition Player Services Employee Type License for Samay Nhey, (CGCC-2022-0908-6C)

CLOSED SESSION:

- I. Litigation (Government Code section 11126(e)):
- A. Eric G. Swallow v. California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2016-800002402)
 - B. Lucky Chances, Inc. v. California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2017-80002549)
 - C. Yavapai-Apache Nation v. La Posta Band of Diegueno Mission Indians and California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento Superior Court (34-2018-00238711)
 - D. Manuel Corrales, Jr. v. California Gambling Control Commission, San Diego County Superior Court (37-2019-00019079-CU-MC-CTL)
 - E. Kris Kat, LLC and Steven C. Ayers v. California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2019-80003142)
 - F. Elizabeth Flynt, et al., v. Rob Bonta, Nathan DaValle, Paula D. LaBrie, et al.; United States District Court, Eastern District of California (16 CV 02831 JAM EFB)
 - G. Lucky Chances, Inc., VC Cardroom, et al. v. State of California, California Gambling Control Commission, et al. San Francisco County Superior Court (CPF-20-517086)
 - H. Harvey F. Souza v. California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2096-80003287)
 - I. Garden City, Inc. v. California Gambling Control Commission, San Francisco County Superior Court (PF-21-517466)
 - J. Manuel Corrales, Jr. v. California Valley Miwok Tribe, et al. and the California Gambling Control Commission; San Diego County Superior Court (37-2022-00012884-CU-BC-CTL)

- II. Hearing Deliberations Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(c)(3):
- A. In the Matter of the Accusation and Statement of Issues Against Lucky Chances, Inc., Rommel Medina, Ruell Medina, (OAH No.2015110463)
 - B. In the Matter of the Applications for Approval of State Gambling License for Fortiss, LLC, John H. Park Trust Under Declaration of Trust Dated July 18, 2012, Member, John Park, Trustee, Settlor, Beneficiary, Michael Vasey, Member, Chief Financial Officer, John Park, Manager, (CGCC Case No. CGCC-2020-0227-11A-F)
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ADJOURNMENT

Chair LaBrie adjourned the Commission Meeting at approximately 11:10 a.m.